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CARRANZA TRAIN HIT WILD ENGINE, ESCAPES UNHURT

Trip From Vera Cruz Was Interrupted by Forces of Gen. Zapata, Who sent Wild Engine Into Train of Carranza and Party.

TRAIN DESTROYED PASSENGERS ESCAPÉ

Constitutionalist Leader Denies That He Had Intended to Flee to a Country in Central America—Trip Was Old Plan.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.—The trip of General Carranza from Vera Cruz to the isthmus of Tehuantepec was interrupted by Zapata forces, who captured Soledad and from there sent a wild locomotive into his approaching train. Neither Carranza nor any of his party was injured.

These facts were reported tonight in a private dispatch from a point on the railroad on which Carranza was traveling. Officials of the Washington Government placed full credence in the report, but declined to comment on it beyond saying that they had consulted advisers telling of Carranza's departure for the isthmus.

General Carranza, according to the private dispatch, returned to Vera Cruz after the incident at Soledad, and has now gone to Gordoba to inspect his troops. From Gordoba some of his officers say he will continue his journey to the isthmus, after which he will go to Merida, in the State of Yucatan. Carranza officials here deny emphatically suggestions which have been current in Mexico City that Carranza intended to flee to a Central American country. They say the first chief planned his trip to the isthmus shortly after the railway to that part of Mexico was taken over by the Carranza faction.

Gen. Scott, chief of staff of the army, who was sent to Naco to endeavor to restrain the warring Mexican factions from continuing hostilities on the American side of the border, telegraphed Secretary Garrison from Naco under date of noon today, as follows:

"Heavy three days' storm; whole country under water, travel most difficult. Maytorena unable to get to the conference arranged for 10 o'clock this morning at Osborne. I had a conference with Carranza's agent last night. Full conference with Hill has been arranged for tomorrow, and Maytorena has telegraphed for another appointment."

Small Kentucky Town Destroyed by Flames

By Associated Press. PORTSMOUTH, O., Dec. 23.—With four houses down and ten buildings on fire the town of Vanceburg, Ky., faces being wiped off the map by a fire which started at one o'clock this morning. The fire started in the opera house. A bucket brigade formed but the flames had too much of a start. At one-thirty this morning the local fire department received a telephone call asking for help from the mayor of Vanceburg.

Mayville has also been called on for assistance. The city is without fire protection.

Ex-Senator W. S. West Found Dead in Bed

EX-SEN. ETAO SHRD CMFWY VALDOSTA, Ga., Dec. 23.—Former United States Senator William S. West was found dead in bed at his home here early today. He had retired apparently in good health.

Physicians stated death apparently was due to apoplexy.

Mr. West was appointed to the Senate March 2, 1914, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator A. O. Bacon. His term expired last November when Thomas W. Hardwick was elected.

NOTICE

All Union Barber Shops will close all day Xmas. Will be open Thursday until 10 p. m.

197 VOTES FOR HOBSON PROHIBITION AMENDMENT 189 OPPOSED IT IN HOUSE

GENERAL ZAPATA.

One of the Figures in the Mexican Trouble.



Photo by American Press Association.

General Zapata, one of the Rebel leaders in Mexico, who is creating a great deal of trouble for Carranza, tried to put the constitutionalist leader out of his way by sending a wild engine which bumped into the train carrying Carranza and his party.

W. Va. Dry Causes Ohio Brewery to Fail

By Associated Press. COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 23.—The Hoster-Columbus Brewing Company a \$12,000,000 corporation went into hands of receivers today on orders of the United States district court.

"Decrease demands for beer, adverse legislation and the voting 'dry' of many states and counties in the last eight years" were given as cause. The company had \$4,350,000 outstanding capital stock and \$4,899,000 outstanding bonds with \$6,000,000 stocks and the same amount of bonds authorized. Most stock and bonds were secured by mortgages on property, owned by the brewing company in Ohio, W. Virginia, Pennsylvania, Indiana and New Jersey.

In its statement, the company declared the voting dry of West Virginia was "the last straw" in a series of legislative acts, which reduced seriously the sale of its product. Increase of saloon license fee to \$1,000 by the Ohio legislature, eight years ago, a county local option law and the more recent license system by which the number of saloons were cut down, were mentioned as other causes.

1 Per Cent Dividend Declared by P. R. R.

By Associated Press. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.—The Pennsylvania Company, the parent company of the Pennsylvania railroad lines west of Pittsburgh, today declared a semi-annual dividend of one per cent, making four per cent of the year, a reduction of three per cent compared with previous years.

In announcing the action on the dividend the directors of the Pennsylvania company stated that their action was due chiefly to the great decrease of traffic and material reduction in the revenue of the lines west of Pittsburgh. All the stock of the Pennsylvania company is owned by the Pennsylvania railroad company.

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Amendment on Prohibition Goes Down to Defeat in House.

Vote Was 197 Yeas and 189 Nays—Not the Necessary Two-thirds.

Dry Champion Says Question Will be National Issue in 1916.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—By a vote of 197 to 189 nays, the constitutional prohibition amendment was lost in the House last night after an eight hour debate. In order to have the amendment carry it was necessary that it have the support of two-thirds of the membership of the House.

Under a special rule, which was adopted without a roll call, the House began just after noon today, an eight hour debate on the Hobson resolution to submit to the states a constitutional amendment for national prohibition.

An amendment by Representative Mann to submit the prohibition amendment to state conventions called for the purpose, was defeated on a rising vote, 137 to 193. This was the first vote of the night. Mr. Mann demanded a yeas and nays vote, and the long roll call began. The Mann amendment was defeated on the roll call by a vote of 210 to 176, the advocates of the Hobson resolution generally lining up against it.

Another amendment presented by Representative Mann proposed absolute prohibition of the "manufacture, transportation, importation and exportation of intoxicating liquors" for any purpose.

"If we are to have prohibition," Mr. Mann said, "let us have prohibition that will prohibit."

The amendment was defeated on a rising vote, 209 to 77, after a sharp exchange between Representatives Mann and Hobson.

Following the defeat of the Mann amendment Representative Hobson offered several perfecting amendments to his resolution. The first altered the phraseology of the first section of the proposed constitutional amendment and included a prohibition against any "exportation" of intoxicating liquors. It was adopted without division.

City Manager Plan Is Charleston's Hope

CHARLESTON, Dec. 23.—A city manager to conduct the business affairs of the city of Charleston is one of the principal features contained in the new charter drafted by a special committee of the Charleston Chamber of Commerce, and presented at the last meeting of that body.

The charter also provides for a mayor at a salary of \$1,200 a year, a city collector, a city clerk, a police chief, a fire chief, a police judge and 20 councilmen, two from each ward.

The committee spent several months in drafting the charter, and during that time it examined the forms of government in other and larger cities of the United States.

The Chamber of Commerce voted to approve the charter as submitted. It will be printed in pamphlet form and in the daily newspapers.

The charter was read to the chamber by Attorney George W. McClintic, who put it into form after the special committee had completed its work. It provides for the initiative, referendum and recall and numerous other progressive measures.

Sends Code Message Wireless Dismantled

By Associated Press. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.—Lieut. Crenshaw naval radio officer at the Panama canal zone cabled the Navy department today that the wireless of the British steamer "Protetiles" in Balboa harbor was dismantled, in Balboa police Dec. 10, after it was found she had been sending code messages.



Western Pennsylvania—Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday and probably snow flurries near the lakes. West Virginia—Generally fair tonight and Thursday.

A PLAN TO SINK A FRENCH VESSEL NIPPED IN U. S.

New Orleans Police Arrest Germans Who Planned to Blow Up Liner.

Had Placed Bomb with Clock Attached Set For Six Days Ahead.

One Man Makes Confession and Says He is a German Spy.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 23.—New Orleans police last night said they had frustrated a plot to blow up the French Steamship Chicago by the arrest of five Germans. One of the five, the police said, admitted they constructed a bomb with a clock attachment set for six days and a half from today, which they intended to ship by parcel post consigned to the Chicago, which was expected to sail from New York Saturday.

The man who makes this confession is known as Hans Halle and also as Frank Helm. The police are in possession of unmistakable evidence that he is a German spy and that in the course of his operations in the United States he has masqueraded in woman's clothes. He has made a startling confession, according to the police, and involves the other men who have been arrested.

Halle took the police to his room at a hotel and there they found an infernal machine which the prisoner said he was preparing to send to New York tonight. He said that he had made the bomb himself and it was 75 per cent dynamite. It was timed to explode he said, in six and one-half days.

The police who made the arrests tonight say that they have conclusive evidence against the prisoners. Their scheme was to destroy ships sailing from this port with horses and mules to be used by the army of the allies in Europe. So far as can be learned the scheme was to place aboard the ships bombs of sufficient explosive power to destroy them and according to Halle it was planned in every case to have the bombs explode while the ships were at sea. Halle is said to have explained the clock work of the bombs he has made and to be quite proud of his efforts. The other prisoners have refused to talk.

Official War News

By Associated Press. PARIS, Dec. 23.—The French war office this afternoon gave out an official statement as follows:

"Yesterday in Belgium, we made slight progress between the sea and highway from Nieuport to Ostend as well as in the region between Steenstraete and Bischoote where we occupied a forest, some houses and a redoubt. To the east of Bethune, working in conjunction with the British army we captured the village of Givenchy—Les-La Bassee which had been lost to us. In the region of Arras a heavy fog made it necessary for both the enemy and ourselves to lessen our activities. To the east of Amiens on the Aisne and in Champagne there have been heavy artillery engagements. In the region of Poperinghe we carried after a spirited cannonade and two assaults the last section of the line which we occupied in part Dec. 21, we made an average gain of 800 yards.

In the last trench which came into our possessions we captured a section of machine guns including the gun crews.

A violent counter attack was repulsed. We also made progress to the northeast of Deusejeur where further counter attacks on the part of the enemy were without success. There has been a perceptible advance on the part of our troops in the forest of La Gurie, against a front of trenches 400 yards wide and running not less than 250 yds. deep. We blew up with mines, two of the German lines of works and occupied the excavations.

The fighting is going on in the vicinity of Bourcelles with the out come fairly serious. It would appear not to have been possible to retain entirely the position acquired yesterday morning. There has been no incident from the heights of the Meuse to upper Alsace.

Miss Margaret Buchannon of Parkersburg passed through the city today enroute to Morgantown to spend the holidays with relatives.

ARMIES SUSTAIN BIG LOSS, MEN SUFFER IN TRENCHES, XMAS MAY CAUSE A LULL

Warsaw Continues to be the Scene of Most Desperate Warfare.

Real Winter is Being Experienced and Suffering is Intense.

Armistice May be Called for Christmas Day is Now the Belief.

By Associated Press.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The 80 mile front in Russian Poland to the west of Warsaw, where the Germans and Russians are at grips on the banks of the Bzura, the Rawka and the Pilica rivers, continues to be the scene of the most desperate fighting in either the eastern or western arenas of war.

When the weather conditions under which the troops are fighting are recalled, the suffering of the men in the trenches may to some extent be appreciated, as the country is experiencing the full force of winter.

Each side sustained large losses in this battle, and although the Germans are said to have forced the Russian lines at a number of points, it is nevertheless a fact, according to reports reaching London, that the Russians' strength has straightened out. Again there comes trickling from Holland reports of vast movements of German forces from east and west. A dispatch reaching here from Amsterdam says that thousands of Germans have passed through Aix La Chapelle toward Northern France. This activity may be the forerunner of a renewed offensive in the west under the eyes of Emperor William, or it may simply be intended to offset reinforcements which Great Britain has been throwing into the tense field of hostilities. As the situation appears to them today the allies in France and Belgium continue more on the offensive than the defensive and every day shows slight change to their credit.

It is believed that notwithstanding the failure of the men for armistice over Christmas, some sort of a lull will set in on Christmas day itself, as Christmas sentiment is deep in the men's hearts.

The London newspapers have decided unanimously not to publish on Christmas day and the official press bureau will also suspend activities. Thousands of tons of Christmas presents have been sent to the front. The distribution and enjoyment of the gifts is another argument for the probable suspension of hostilities wherever this is possible.

Business Men Turn 'Newsies' for Charity

DETROIT, Dec. 23.—More than seventy business and professional men of Detroit, who once were newsboys, resumed their youthful occupation today to raise money for Christmas charity. Headed by James J. Brady, Collector of Internal Revenue, the "Newsies" stood on street corners, where they cried their papers thirty or forty years ago.

So that the regular boys should lose nothing, their papers were bought from them at the usual rates.

Actors to Amuse British at Front

LONDON, Dec. 23.—A novel scheme for the entertainment of the troops in France has been approved by the military authorities. A British concert party, consisting of Elinore Terriss, Seymour Hicks, Ben Davies, Ivy St. Heller, Will Van Allen and Eil and Olga Hudson will leave London on Sunday next and play for a week among the British soldiers in France, giving performances at various places along the lines of communication.

Franz Joseph's Mind Wanders, Says Prince

PARIS, Dec. 23.—The Russian Slove describing an interview between Prince James of Bourbon and Emperor Franz Josef, shortly before the former escaped from Froshdorf Castle, says the aged emperor appeared to Don James as totally incapable.

"The Emperor," it says, "changed subject without apparent sequence, and seemed to have forgotten why he summoned Don James. The Emperor begged the Prince to tell him the truth about the war, saying he knew well why he was being kept in ignorance."

ANDREW CARNEGIE.

Is Talking For Peace in Spite of the War.



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EDINBURGH, Dec. 23.—Thousands of aliens, including Americans, have been deprived of their votes as Parliamentary electors in the United Kingdom by the order that all foreigners register.

Andrew Carnegie sailed for home in September before the order was promulgated, and therefore his name is still on the roll of electors, but not on the roll of foreigners. However, he cannot return to the United Kingdom while the war lasts unless he is prepared to register as a foreigner.

Glass Plant Starts Employing 700 Men

KANE, Pa., Dec. 23.—Seven hundred men who have been out of work for two months were given employment this morning at the plant of the American Plate Glass Company at James City, started operations to its full capacity.

The company has enough orders to insure operations for eight months.

Palace of Kutuktu Destroyed by Fire

By Associated Press. LONDON, Dec. 23.—A dispatch received here from Urga, Mongolia, relates that the interior of the palace of the Kutuktu, or the Diefed Lama of the Mongols, with all its priceless treasures has been entirely destroyed by fire. The loss entailed is said to be enormous.

The wealth of the Kutuktu, which is derived from contributions of enthusiastic devotees, is described as very great. In and out of the Kutuktu, the Lama owns 150,000 slaves and abundance of world goods and the most pretentious palace in Mongolia.

Troops to Leave Colo. in 10 Days

By Associated Press. WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Arrangements for beginning the withdrawal of federal troops from Colorado strike district within the next ten days were made today at a conference between Pres. Wilson, Gov. Ammons of Colorado, Gov. elect Carrison and Senator Shafroth.

Emperor is on The Battle Front

By Associated Press. LONDON, Dec. 23.—A dispatch from Cologne, says that Emperor William with his entire staff reached Cologne today from Berlin on his way to the western battle front.

Wilson to Give 125 Turkeys to Employees

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—President Wilson will distribute about 125 turkeys to employees at the White House, following a custom established many years ago.

The President will spend Christmas quietly here with his daughters. Mrs. Francis B. Sayre is expected here tomorrow.

NO CUT IN SCALE AT PRESENT TIME FOR STEEL MEN

Judge Gary Says Wages of Corporation Employees Will Not be Diminished but Only a Few Minor Adjustments Will be Made.

PIECE WORKERS TO RECEIVE LESS PAY

Says There Are Some Evidences of a Change for the Better in the Matter of Improvement to Business Conditions.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—There will be no general reduction in wages by the United States Steel Corporation at the present time, according to an announcement made today by Judge Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the corporation, after a meeting of the corporation's finance committee. There will, however, be some readjustments in the pay of "skilled labor or piece work" on a lower basis.

Judge Gary issued the following statement:

"After giving careful consideration to the subject it has been decided to make no general reduction in the wages of the employees of the United States Steel Corporation at this time. There will probably be some readjustments in the amounts paid for skilled labor or piece work, depending upon special conditions.

"In view of the general depression in business which has been experienced for some time, decreases in the general wage scale have seemed inevitable and imminent, but it has been determined to continue the existing scale for the present, at least, with the hope that improvement in business will be realized.

"Already there are some evidences of a change for the better."

Although the statement does not explicitly say that the readjustments in the pay of skilled labor will be on a lower basis, it was explained in behalf of the corporation that such was a natural assumption. The skilled laborers on the rolls of the corporation are understood to number about 10 per cent of the more than 200,000 employees, and are among the highest paid.

Race Riots Renewed In South Carolina

GREENVILLE, S. C., Dec. 23.—Fighting between whites and negroes in Oconee county, near Fair Play, S. C., which resulted in the killing of four negroes and the wounding of four white men Sunday, was renewed today, reports from there stated. A fifth negro was reported killed.

Magistrate W. C. McLane, shot Sunday, was said to be in a dying condition.

Warring Nations Order Canteens

By Associated Press. NEW KENSINGTON, Pa., Dec. 23.—An order for 500,000 aluminum canteens for one of the belligerent nations of Europe was received by a manufacturer's company here today. Several months will be required to fill the order but shipments are to be made each week.

229 Killed in Auto Accidents in Mass.

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—An increase of 22 per cent in the number of motor car fatalities in Massachusetts for the year ending November 30, was reported by the highway commission today. There were 7,961 accidents, in which 229 persons lost their lives and 4,010 were injured. Of those killed, 150 were pedestrians.

TRAINS LATE.

All trains were late again today, on account of the heavy passenger traffic. Another reason for delay is the great amount of express shipments during the Christmas season. Parcel post is requiring more time to handle that kind of traffic offered the carriers.

HUMANE SOCIETY TAKES GIRL. Hazel Wilson of Fairview, was taken to the Home of the Good Shepherd at Wheeling yesterday. She was given over to the Humane Society, with the result that she has been placed in the above named institution.

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